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International Application No. PCT/EP2004/013276

Box No. 1 Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the International Application in the language in which it was filed, if nothing different is stated under this point.

- ☐ The report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language, which is the language of the translation, which has been filed for the following purpose:
- ☐ international search (according to Rules 12.3 and 23.1b)
 - ☐ publication of the international application (according to Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (according to Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the **elements*** of the international application, the report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

Description, pages

1-10 in the originally filed version

Claims, No.

1-11 in the originally filed version

Drawings, sheets

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3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

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- ☐ Drawings: Sheet/Figs.
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- ☐ Description: page
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability; documents and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement
Novelty (N) Yes: Claims 1-11
No: Claims
- Inventive step (IS) Yes: Claims 1-11
No: Claims
- Industrial applicability (IA) Yes: Claims 1-11
No: Claims

2. Documents and explanations (Rule 70.7):

see supplementary sheet

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(SUPPLEMENTARY SHEET)**

International Application No. PCT/EP2004/013276

- 1.1 Claim 1 meets the requirements of Article 33(2) to 33(4) PCT with respect to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability.
- 1.2 As the features of the independent claim 1 in its totality are not disclosed in any of the documents cited in the search report or acknowledged in the introduction to the description, the subject of claim 1 is novel.
- 1.3 From the documents cited in the search report, the person skilled in the art receives no indication, in a bearing device according to DE 38 37 733 A or DE 199 01 565 A, to screw the screw being used for mutual fixing of the outer bearing ring and damping inner ring according to the characterising part of claim 1, into a thread in the outer bearing ring, the screw being received by a pressure distribution element arranged between the screw head and damping inner sleeve. This measure results from a step which is not a conclusive development of the cited prior art. The bearing device according to claim 1 is therefore based on an inventive step.
- 1.4 The subject of claim 1 is functional and producible and is therefore also considered industrially applicable.
2. The dependent claims 2 to 11 contain advantageous and non-obvious developments of the bearing device according to claim 1 and therefore also meet the requirements with respect to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability of Article 33(2) to (4) PCT.